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Applicant argues that note of the references teach a programmable converter in the local service module. The examiner disagrees and notes that Ehreth clearly teaches a programmable controller (see modulating unit 34 in Figure 1) in a local service module (see communications controller 30 in Figure 1). Further note Column 3, Lines 40-50 and Column 4, Lines 44-62 for the modulating unit 34 being instructed to transmit information on a particular channel, based on the requests received (by the upstream signaling receiver 80) from a channel selector and signaling unit 50. Therefore, Ehreth clearly a programmable controller that is programmable based on requests received from a channel selector and signaling unit 50 in Figure 1.